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## 2. MEXICO EXPECTED TO FOLLOW PRESENT POLICIES UNDER PROBABLE NEXT PRESIDENT ADOLFO RUIZ CORTINES

Adolfo Ruiz Cortines, Minister of Interior in the present administration, has accepted the nomination to the presidency offered by the Partido Revolucionario Institucional. The elections will be held in July 1952.

Comment: Inasmuch as the PRI is the government and dominant party in Mexico, and that opposition exists through tolerance only, it may be assumed that Ruiz Cortines' candidacy will be successful. In view of the popularity and success of the present administration and because Ruiz Cortines has long been a devoted follower of its chief executive, Miguel Aleman, it is expected that the next president will direct Mexico along its present road. This means continued political moderation, including quiet reprochement with the church, and, pursuance of Aleman's program of economic expansion. On the basis of his known friendly attitude toward the US, it is also expected that Ruiz will continue the recent development of good relations with this country insofar as it is compatible with Mexico's intense nationalism. Because of his record of honesty in handling public funds, Ruiz will be in a position to capitalize upon the current demand for higher morality in government in Mexico.

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